

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held March 30, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"On Friday, March 19, 2004, approximately 20 hexagrams with circles around them were discovered etched into the granite pillars at the Go For Broke Monument in Little Tokyo. Investigators believe the vandalism may have occurred sometime between Sunday, March 14, 2004 and Thursday, March 18, 2004.

"In addition to commemorating the Japanese American soldiers who bravely served in World War II, the Monument symbolizes patriotism and reminds Americans of all races of their civil liberties.

"Detectives are seeking witnesses who may have information to assist in the arrest of the person(s) responsible for this vandalism.

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Board established a \$10,000 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for vandalizing the granite pillars at the Go For Broke Monument in Little Tokyo which were etched with approximately 20 hexagrams, between Sunday, March 14, 2004 and approximately 12:00 noon on Thursday, March 18, 2004.

In addition, at the request of Supervisor Molina, the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations was requested to investigate this vandalism as a possible hate crime and report back to the Board with their findings and recommendations.

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NOTICE OF \$10,000 REWARD OFFERED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles is offering a \$10,000 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for vandalizing the granite pillars at the Go For Broke Monument in Little Tokyo which were etched with approximately 20 hexagrams, between Sunday, March 14, 2004 and approximately 12:00 noon on Thursday, March 18, 2004.

Any person having any information related to this crime is requested to call Detective Henry Zalba at the Los Angeles Police Department Central Station at (213) 972-1236 and refer to Report No. 0401-102-25.

The terms of the reward provide that:

- The information given that leads to the determination of the identity, the apprehension and conviction of any person or persons must be given no later than June 28, 2004. All reward claims must be in writing and shall be received no later than August 27, 2004.
- The total County payment of any and all rewards shall in no event exceed \$10,000 and no claim shall be paid prior to conviction unless the Board of Supervisors makes a finding of impossibility of conviction due to the death or incapacity of the person or persons responsible for the crime or crimes.
- -- The County reward may be apportioned between various persons and/or paid for the conviction of various persons as the circumstances fairly dictate.

Any claims for the reward funds should be filed no later than August 27, 2004 with the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors, 500 West Temple Street, Room 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California 90012, Attention: Go For Broke Monument Reward Fund. For further information, please call (213) 974-1747.

Si no entiende esta noticia o si necesita mas informacion, favor de llamar a este numero (213) 974-1747.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS EXECUTIVE OFFICER BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES